

SANDPEARL RESORT AWARDED FLORIDA'S FIRST LEED® GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – ENERGY RETROFIT GROUP, INC., a subsidiary of Adache Group Architects, Inc., is very proud to announce that the Adache designed Sandpearl Resort located in Clearwater Beach, Florida has been awarded Florida's first LEED® Green Building Certification for a resort or hotel. Sandpearl, owned by JMC Communities and managed by Coral Hospitality, has been awarded LEED® Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Sandpearl is the first resort or hotel in Florida to achieve this distinguished honor and one of only 15 worldwide. The resort, which opened in August 2007, is also a designated member of Florida Green Lodging Program.

LEED® certification of Sandpearl was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include: chilled water air-conditioning system; heat recovery exhaust system; in-room energy management system; common areas thermal comfort; ozone assisted laundry; special glazing for windows and sliding glass doors; low emission construction materials; geothermal pool heating system; ozone pool sanitizing system; extensive water conservation; and more.

Energy Retrofit Group and Adache Group Architects, Inc. are dedicated to working with their clients to design new facilities that are energy efficient and as a consulting firm to provide a design and engineering service to existing building owners by retrofitting their existing commercial buildings with the sole purpose of saving them significant dollars on their energy costs thus reducing expenses and creating more real estate value. New tax regulations and incentives make this a win-win situation for new and older construction.

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About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED®

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a feature oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities.

Incentives for LEED are available at the state and local level and LEED has also been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org/LEED.

About the Sandpearl Resort

Sandpearl Resort, managed by Coral Hospitality, is the first new beachfront resort in Clearwater Beach in over 25 years. Situated along a 700-foot expanse of pristine Gulf Coast beach, Sandpearl features 253 luxurious guest rooms and suites, a lagoon-style beachfront pool with private cabanas, unique lifestyle enrichment programs, fine & casual dining, a full-service spa featuring signature pearl treatments, plus meeting & event space. Both the Sandpearl Resort and its signature restaurant, *Caretta on the Gulf*, are 2009 AAA Four Diamond Award recipients. Sandpearl was also recently ranked 8th on Expedia® Insiders' Select™ 2009, a ranking of the top hotels and resorts worldwide based on customer satisfaction and value for the dollar. For more information, visit www.sandpearl.com or call (877) 726-3111.

About Adache Group Architects, Inc.

Founded in 1969, Adache is one of the leading Hospitality Resort and Hotel design firms in the United States. Adache Group Architects, Inc. headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, FL has been in business for 40 years and has designed over 200 hotels, resorts and condo-hotels, over 30,000 condominium units, custom residential and multi-family housing in 45 countries on 5 continents. Adache is a full service architectural and interior design firm with strategic offices and alliances located throughout the US and the world. For more information, visit www.adache.com or call (954-525-8133).

About Energy Retrofit Group, Inc.

Energy Retrofit Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of Adache Group Architects. ERG is a skilled group of Professional Architects, Engineers, Energy Consultants and LEED Accredited Professionals dedicated to the profession of Energy Management, and partnering with some of the leading support teams of Energy Technicians, Tax Strategists, Funding Sources and Contractors to provide design and engineering services to building owners by retrofitting existing buildings to save money on energy costs. For more information, visit www.energy-rg.com or call (954-525-8133).